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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 16, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2002 for one month from March 16, 2003 to April 16, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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